

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

October 10, 2013

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on September 26, 2013 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending October 9, 2013 in the amount of \$ **290,666.65** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of September 26 – October 9, 2013
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office October 8, 2013

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as listed are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 611,902.43 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Recreation Superintendent Steve Peters** invited to the Wine and Cider Festival at the Crete this weekend. Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Clinton Community College is the Walk and Bike Symposium. For any interested Council members or candidates I'd like to personally invite you to meet with me at the City Beach while the weather is still nice to look at the old bath house. I put in sizeable amount of money in the Capital Project for that. And I want to articulate what that vision is before we move forward. Please see me after the meeting if anyone is interested.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said I urge all the candidates to contact Steve because that's a very important potential project out there.

**Diana Wardell** 45 Edgewater Estates and part of a grass roots citizen group called Plattsburgh Acquiring Safe Streets. Introduced their citizens group and spoke about their proposal to have bicycle lanes on Margaret Street.

**Mayor Kasprzak** said he would like to applaud them for bringing a comprehensive plan with a lot of detail information and research is very much appreciated because that makes it easier for everyone around this table to make an informed decision in the future. Thank you and all the people that signed the petition too.

**Anita Bodrogi** spoke about the negotiations that are going on with NAVTOURS and the impact that might have on the waterfront. She said she was actively circulating a petition which says. "We residents of the City of Plattsburgh highly value the development of water front property as part of a greater comprehensive land use and economic development plan for the City of Plattsburgh. We request the current negotiation with NAVTOURS be ended until a comprehensive plan is developed, vetted, discussed by the community and then approved and installed by the Mayor and Common Council." She further spoke about her feelings about the waterfront use and would like the NAVTOURS discussion as part of a bigger context so that we are clearer about where we are going. She said she will bring a bunch of signatures.

**Councilor Carpenter** asked Anita to leave some contact information of how to get in touch with her.

**Laverne Hicks** 9 Alex Way spoke about the use of water by Bombardier.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves ROTA Studio and Gallery and the SUNY Plattsburgh Zombie Defense League to host music at the Westelcom stage area on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 7:30 pm to 9pm.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid No. 2013-8-3 “St. Lawrence 1 Substation Upgrades – Phase 3 115kV Circuit Breaker” be awarded to Alstom Grid LLC in the total amount of \$420,852.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a leave of absence for Paul Vallieres, DPW Maintenance Worker II, from October 25, 2013 thru April 25, 2014, the 6 month period will run beyond the 12 weeks absence allowed under the FMLA.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.42 “2013 Bridge & Waterfront Project” authorizing spending of the items listed in the 2013 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion:

**Councilor Case** said I have 2 questions. The water front building, Kevin, that money’s coming from FEMA? What building are we talking about?

**Councilor Jackson** said no it’s the tour boat building.

**City Engineer Kevin Farrington** said there are 2 items in that project. One of them is the Bridge suspension program.

**Councilor Case** said does DOT do the inspection or do we do it.

**City Engineer Kevin Farrington** said we will do them. These are bridges that are now included in DOT's inspection program.

**Councilor Case** said I just wanted to know exactly which ones. Now the building we are talking about is the old concession on Dock Street?

**Mayor Kasprzak** said the tour boat building.

**Councilor Case** said we did get FEMA money from that?

**Mayor Kasprzak** said no we applied they weren't generous to us.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police officer to attend "2013 International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference and Expo" in Philadelphia, PA from October 18 – 24, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$1,719 and will be expensed to the Asset Seizure Fund, training expenses.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves one Police officer to attend "State Preparedness Training Center Instructor Development Workshop – Advanced Training for certified instructors" in Oriskany, NY from October 22 – 24, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$176.50 and will be expensed to the Asset Seizure Fund, training expenses.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: None**

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**10. NEW BUSINESS: None**

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Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:50pm**